IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to second and third terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information including a channel selection, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second and third terminals;

a reservation information providing unit configured to provide to the second and third terminals information including shared authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal;

a generation unit configured to generate the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and

an authenticating unit to authenticate the second and third terminals by the use of the shared authentication data, the shared authentication data being the same for both the second and third terminals;

a providing unit configured to provide the second service of the chat space to the first terminal, and the second service of the chat space and the first service to the second and third terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the second service of the chat space and the first service being provided to the second and third terminals simultaneously upon authentication, via actuation of the hyperlink in accordance with the scheduling information of the distribution notice, the providing unit delivering simultaneous access to

the second service of the chat space and the first service upon authentication of the shared

authentication data at the information processing apparatus.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to

Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for distributing contents sent according to a

reservation made in advance, to the second and third terminals in real time.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to

Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for providing the second and third terminals with

a chat space corresponding to a reservation made in advance for distributing contents in real

time.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information

processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in

real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to second and

third terminals requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of

providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information including a channel selection, sent by the first

terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to

provide the first service to the second and third terminals;

providing information to the second and third terminals including shared

authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and hyperlink

data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time

prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation;

authenticating the terminal by the use of the shared authentication data used by the

server, the shared authentication data being the same for both the second and third terminals;

and

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the second service of the chat space

and the first service to the second and third terminals designated to be distributed by the first

terminal, the second service of the chat space and the first service being provided to the

second and third terminals simultaneously upon authentication, via actuation of the hyperlink

in accordance with the scheduling information of the distribution notice, the providing unit

delivering simultaneous access to the second service of the chat space and the first service

upon authentication of the shared authentication data at the information processing apparatus.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A recording medium storing a computer-readable

program for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing

contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first

terminal, and, to a second and third terminals requesting the use of the first service and the

use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information including a channel selection, sent by the first

terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to

provide the first service to the second and third terminals;

providing information to the second and third terminals including shared

authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and hyperlink

data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and

authenticating the terminal by the use of the shared authentication data used by the server, the shared authentication data being the same for both the second and third terminals;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the second service of the chat space and the first service to the second service of the second and third terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the second service of the chat space and the first service being provided to the second and third terminals simultaneously upon authentication, via actuation of the hyperlink in accordance with the scheduling information of the distribution notice, the providing unit delivering simultaneous access to the second service of the chat space and the first service upon authentication of the shared authentication data at the information processing apparatus.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable carrier including computer program instructions to cause a computer to implement a method of managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second and third terminals requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information including a channel selection, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second and third terminals;

providing information to the second and third terminals including shared authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and

authenticating the terminal by the use of the shared authentication data used by the server, the shared authentication data being the same for both the second and third terminals;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the second service of the chat space and the first service to the second and third terminals designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the second service of the chat space and the first service being provided to the second and third terminals simultaneously upon authentication, via actuation of the hyperlink in accordance with the scheduling information of the distribution notice, the providing unit delivering simultaneous access to the second service of the chat space and the first service upon authentication of the shared authentication data at the information processing apparatus.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for only distributing multimedia contents unidirectionally from a first terminal to the second and third terminals in real time.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the multimedia contents are video contents.